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SUBJECT: CSCE: EC-9 MINISTERIAL DECISION ON NEGOTIATING
STRATEGY

BEGIN SUMMARY: AT THEIR JUNE 10-11 MEETING IN BONN,
THE EC-9 FOREIGN MINISTERS AGREED"TO PERSEVERE IN THE
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(CSCE) NEGOTIATIONS,ACCEPTING THE RETURN TO THE

WORK OF THE SECOND PHASE AFTER THE SUMMER PAUSE." THE NINE RESISTED, FOR THE TIME BEING, THE POSSIBILITY OF THREATS TO ADJOURN OR PACK UP THE CONFERENCE . THERE FOLLOWS INFORMAL EMB TRANSLATION OF FRENCH LANGUAGE PASSAGES FROM EC-9 DECISION SHEET CONCERNING CSCE NEGOTIATING STRATEGY. END SUMMARY

1. BEGIN TEXT:

GENERAL STRATEGY OF THE NINE.

...THE SOVIET ATTITUDE HAS LEAD TO A QUASI TOTAL STAGNATION OF THE CONFERENCE IN THE MOST IMPORTANT SECTORS AND IT WOULD APPEAR TO BE DIFFICULT (TO IMAGINE) THAT THE RANGE OF THESE QUESTIONS COULD BE REGULATED IN A SATISFACTORY MANNER IN A PERIOD OF A FEW WEEKS.

2. IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, THE NINE WOULD BE ABLE TO CONTINUE BY:

(A) INSISTING ON THE COMPLETION OF THE DISCUSSION ON THE ENSEMBLE OF THEIR(EC-9 PROPOSALS BEFORE PASSING TO ASPECTS TOUCHING ON THE GLOBALITY OF THE NEGOTIATIONS;

(B) MAKE THE SOVIETS UNDERSTAND THAT WE HAVE ALREADY MADE AN IMPORTANT POLITICAL GESTURE (INVOLABILITY) WHICH JUSTIFIES US IN WAITING FOR A COUNTERPART (GESTURE) OF THE SAME SCOPE;

(C) UNDERLINE THAT THEY (EC-9) ARE NOT DISPOSED TO MOVE TO THE THIRD PHASE OF THE CONFERENCE BEFORE HAVING OBTAINED SATISFACTORY RESULTS;

(D) MAKE IT UNDERSTOOD THAT ALL DISCUSSION ON THE DATE AND THE LEVEL OF THE THIRD PHASE AND ALL NEGOTIATIONS ON THE FOLLOW UP ARE IN VAIN AS LONG AS SUCH RESULTS WILL NOT BE VISIBLE.

3. THUS, THE QUESTION IS POSED AS TO WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING OPTIONS SHOULD BE UTILIZED:

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(A) PERSEVERE IN THE NEGOTIATIONS, ACCEPTING THE
RETURN TO THE WORK OF THE SECOND PHASE AFTER THE
SUMMER PAUSE;

(B) CONTINUE THE WORK UNTIL MID-JULY, BUT MAKE KNOWN
IN ADVANCE IF THE ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS HAVE NOT BEEN
MADE THE OBJECT OF A CONSENSUS BY THAT DATE, THAT IT
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WOULD BE NECESSARY TO INTERRUPT THE WORK EVEN FOR A

RELATIVELY LONG PERIOD.

4. IN THE GENERAL CONTEXT OF CURRENT INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, IT WOULD APPEAR DIFFICULT TO FAVOR A HALT OF THE WORK OF THE CONFERENCE ON THE GROUNDS OF LACK OF PROGRESS.
END TEXT

5. COMMENT: AUTHORITATIVE FONOFF OFFICIAL HAS TOLD EMBOFF THAT EC-9 STANCE "OF UNLIMITED PATIENCE" WILL BE MAINTAINED FOR THE PRESENT BUT THAT A SUBSEQUENT POLICY CORRESPONDING TO ALTERNATIVE (B) IN PARA 3 ABOVE CANNOT BE EXCLUDED FOR THE FUTURE. DURING PRESS CONFERENCE FOLLOWING EC-9 MINISTERIAL, A FINNISH CORRESPONDENT INQUIRED CONCERNING POSSIBLE TIMING OF THE THIRD STAGE OF THE CONFERENCE. GENSCHER REPLIED SIMPLY: "WE ARE INTERESTED ONLY IN THE QUALITY" OF THE RESULTS.
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